

Walska Victor In Divorce Case, Friends Assert

Denial That Decree Has Been Granted Based on Legal Delay of Sixty Days in Final Court Action

Settlement Is Satisfactory

Dudley Field Malone, Assuming 'Leak in U. S.' Denounces Report as False

Special Cable to The Tribune. Copyright, 1922, New York Tribune Inc. PARIS, June 7.—From sources close to Mrs. Ganna Walska, Polish prima donna, denial came to-day that Alexander Smith Cochran, her millionaire New York husband, had been awarded a decree of divorce in the Paris court in which his action was brought.

It was insisted that the singer was the real winner of the action, and that the settlement made was entirely satisfactory to her. The settlement was reported to be \$200,000. It was said that while the divorce has been granted it will be sixty days before it is signed by the judge and made final.

The claim of victory made by the singer's friends is regarded on the other side as an effort on the part of the opposition to put the best possible face upon defeat. However, both sides agree that the case is now settled and awaits only the routine of the French courts. Signatures of all the parties concerned have been obtained.

When Dudley Field Malone, attorney for Mrs. Walska, was told to-day of the exclusive announcement made in The New York Tribune this morning that Mr. Cochran had obtained a decree of divorce from the opera singer, he denounced the statement as false. Wrongly assuming that Samuel Untermyer, counsel for Mr. Cochran, had made the announcement in New York, Mr. Malone said: "It is false, and what is more, he knows it is false."

Branch of Faith Charged

Mr. Malone said that an agreement had been made between the litigants not to discuss the case in any phase, but apparently believing that the other side had broken faith, he declared: "Mr. Cochran will never get a divorce from Mrs. Walska and she is not now divorced." It was evident that Mr. Malone based this assertion on the technicality which will not make the decree effective for sixty days, as he declared that he proposed to wait and find out the extent of the alleged Untermyer statement.

Mr. Untermyer made no such statement. It was said that Mrs. Walska appeared in court during the proceedings, which were secret, as usual in such cases, but that Mr. Cochran was represented by lawyers. This was explained by the singer's spokesman as another technicality of French law which requires the plaintiff only to appear. This angle of the case seems to show that it was the singer, and not Cochran, who first made the move for divorce. It had also been said that Mr. Cochran first entered suit and that Mrs. Walska replied with a counter suit which later was dropped.

Mr. Cochran is now at one of the big Paris hotels, where telephone communication has been made impossible, except with a few of his closest friends.

Cochran Insists on Secrecy

The efforts made to maintain secrecy are said to be due to Mr. Cochran, who was greatly worried a few months ago when Mr. Malone announced on the eve of his departure for the United States that he would bring a separate suit in New York and name a woman internationally known in society as co-respondent. This threat startled Samuel Untermyer to some caustic comment regarding Mr. Malone and his client, with the result that a great

Scientists Doubt Flammarion's Proof of Soul Life Beyond Grave

Special Cable to The Tribune. Copyright, 1922, New York Tribune Inc. PARIS, June 7.—Fellow scientists of Camille Flammarion, the aged astronomer and student of the mysteries of spiritland, are so far unwilling to subscribe to what he announces as positive proof of the continuance of life after death. Flammarion's book, in which he had managed to assemble data on thousands of cases of spirit manifestations in which he personally participated, together with photographs and proofs to his satisfaction that they were not frauds, is now in the hands of scientists, who are giving his data careful study.

Flammarion stands among a group of French scientists whose sincerity is not doubted, and this is emphasized by his unwillingness to declare that the spirit lives forever after the disintegration of the body. But the conclusions he has reached, he says, have led him to back up flatly the claims of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge and others that the spirit lives and appears before its relatives and friends.

One of the mild critics of Flammarion is Professor Charles Richet, of the Sorbonne, a noted authority on psychology. While the professor said that the existence of ectoplasm cannot be doubted, it is beyond his power to determine the actual elements of the substance or how it is formed. "It will be only after many years of

deal of publicity of a kind not to the liking of Cochran followed. After that episode he put his foot down flatly against any more press discussions of the case, as far as he could regulate them by silence.

Those familiar with the case will recall that Alvin Untermyer, son of the well known New York lawyer, and Mr. Malone called together on the same evening from New York, and this fact gave rise to the report that the opposing counsel had come to some agreement with the idea of getting a quiet separation and later a suitable settlement. Repeated efforts to interview Mrs. Walska since that time have failed, and the attorneys themselves clothed their movement with the greatest secrecy.

Whether some outside influence was at work on the case which caused her not to insist upon a heavier settlement remains to be developed.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune. CHICAGO, June 7.—Announcement that a divorce decree had been granted in Paris to Alexander Smith Cochran from Mrs. Ganna Walska, prima donna, brought a revival of the rumor that Harold F. McCormick, recently divorced by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, would be the next husband of the beautiful singer.

The names of the Polish singer and Mr. McCormick have been linked in

serious consideration," he said, "that anything will be known, even in the most rudimentary way, about this phenomenon, and in the meantime it is childish to attempt to prove from this that people live after death. It is as foolish as the practice of the early Egyptians of putting bread in the coffin of their dead to permit their souls to eat on the journey to heaven."

Professor Richet refuses to offer any explanation, but he thinks that it is a purely physical phenomenon. Occasionally, he says, the form resembles a dead person, but this might be only a coincidence or plastic stuff formed by the medium to resemble relatives. From a purely scientific viewpoint, Professor Richet said, it is impossible to prove that any intelligence other than that of the medium guides the phantom or what it says.

"There seems to be intelligence when the spirit moves," he declared, "but even this cannot be demonstrated, for it may be only some blind force which we do not understand. Chemical analysis of ectoplasm has proved unsatisfactory, although I believe the time will come when these experiments will be successful and will throw some light on the mysterious substance."

It is agreed by many of those already familiar with Flammarion's book that he produces no concrete proof of spiritual existence except the fact that the manifestations indicate it and that he believes in them. Beyond that it is believed that he will have considerable difficulty in convincing materialistic scientists that he has solved the mystery.

For some time. It recently was reported that Mr. McCormick planned to wed Mrs. Walska in Paris in September. He declined to-day to comment on the matter.

While Mr. McCormick kept his counsel, Howard Colby, family friend, who was at that time a guest at the McCormick home, contented himself by saying that he was sure the wedding would not take place in September. He refused to deny the report of a future wedding.

Mr. McCormick's name has figured, too, in the history of the Polish beauty's romance with the "richest bachelor in the world," Alexander Smith Cochran.

It is reported that Mrs. Walska will leave Paris immediately for New York, where she will confer with Mr. McCormick.

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Harrison Advises Harding to Keep Temper With Press

Says President's Opinion of Recent Primaries Would Be Too Hot to Print, but It's No Fault of Papers

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, June 7.—Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, in a speech in the Senate this afternoon, dwelt on what he called the President's "tirade against certain newspapers" for printing the news, and said it was natural the President should be displeased at the news from Indiana, Pennsylvania and more recently from Iowa. He said he did not doubt if the President expressed his real feeling about the primaries in these states his words would burn the paper on which they were printed.

Senator Harrison pronounced the victory of Colonel Brookhart in Iowa an anti-administration victory.

"We recall having read in the papers some days ago," said Senator Harrison, "of the action of the President in his tirade against certain newspapers of the country for printing the news. I have always thought that the function of the newspapers was to print the news, but it seems that the news which has been printed since March 4 last year has not always met the approval of the President. This unwelcome news—this displeasing news, I might say—in Republican papers, independent papers and Democratic papers has caused the President's ire to be aroused, and the other day it broke out in full force."

"It would seem to be natural that the President should become angry at the news that has come from Pennsylvania, from Indiana, and more recently from Iowa, because we all realize that the recent primary in Pennsylvania, when Gifford Pinchot, the alleged Progressive, the erstwhile friend of Roosevelt, walloped the Old Guard, the stand-pat machine of that state, was not pleasing to the organization. I have no doubt that the news was unwelcome to the President and caused him to become angry. Then the news from Indiana, where his good friend, a man who has stood by him faithfully, was defeated by another alleged Progressive, Mr. Beveridge, was certainly unwelcome."

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pened which the most optimistic friends of the successful candidate did not believe was possible. There was Mr. Brookhart, running on an anti-administration ticket, denouncing much of the legislation that has been championed by the Administration, criticizing the seating of Senator Newberry, and he won. Every progressive principle was advocated by Mr. Brookhart in his campaign."

Senator Harrison alluded to the fact Colonel Brookhart's opponents were strong men and continued: "When we realize that these gentlemen went down in an overwhelming defeat at the hands of Brookhart, the anti-administration candidate, the anti-Newberry candidate, against the Old Guard and the machine politicians, the result of the primary is important, and will be so interpreted throughout the country. I sympathize with the President to some extent in the predicament in which he is placed, although it is quite unprecedented, something no other President has ever done—to take the defeat of his friends out upon the metropolitan press of the country and the newspaper correspondents."

Interests! Where's Craig Hat

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The Comptroller was the one who

whistled—in surprise—when he went to get his Leghorn lid after the meeting. It wasn't there. A common straw hat of the vintage of 1920, which may have cost \$1.98, hung in its place. The Comptroller again looked sharply at the Mayor, the President of the Board

of Aldermen and the Borough Presidents, but they all had on their own hats. He mumbled something about "Civic Virtue" being out of place at the City Hall, and went back to his office in the Municipal Building carrying the 1920 hat.

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